X and Y are the same or different and independently selected from the group consisting of: H, halo, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, such as CH_3 and CF_3 , NO_2 , OR_4 , SR_4 , $C(O)R_5$, CN, and NR_8 R_9 ;

R₄ is selected from H, C₁-C₄ alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, acyl;

R₅ is selected from H, C₁-C₄ alkyl;

R₈ and R₉ are the same or different and independently selected from the group consisting of H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₄-C₉ cycloalkyl, C₄-C₉ heterocycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, and heteroarylalkyl;

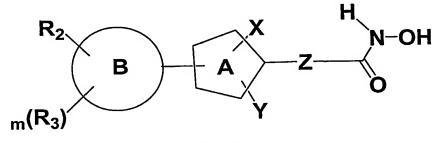
m is an integer from 0 to 4;

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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof,

wherein when A is 2,5-oxazolene and Z is a single bond, $R_2 = R_3 = H$, then B is not a phenyl, 4-Cl-phenyl, 4-CH₃-O-phenyl or 4-NO₂-phenyl.

A compound according to claim 1 or 2 having the Formula (lb)



Formula (lb)

wherein

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Z is a single bond or a C_1 - C_4 hydrocarbon chain which may contain 0 to 1 double bond or triple bond, unsubstituted or substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_4 alkyl;

A is an optionally substituted five-membered heteroarylene;

B is an aromatic ring which is selected from the group consisting of aryl, and heteroaryl; wherein when Z is a single bond then B is not a bicyclic aryl or bicyclic heteroaryl;

R₅ is selected from H, C₁-C₄ alkyl;

each R_6 and R_7 is independently selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, haloalkyl, heteroalkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocycloalkylalkyl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl and acyl each of which may be optionally substituted;

 R_8 and R_9 are the same or different and are independently selected from the group consisting of H, C_1 - C_9 alkyl, C_4 - C_9 cycloalkyl, C_4 - C_9 heterocycloalkyl, aryl, heteroarylalkyl;

n is an integer from 0 to 6;

m is an integer from 0 to 4;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof,

wherein when A is 2,5-oxazolene and Z is a single bond, $R_2 = R_3 = H$, then B is not a phenyl, 4-Cl-phenyl, 4-CH₃-O-phenyl or 4-NO₂-phenyl.

A compound according to claim 1 or 2 having the compound of Formula (Ic):

wherein

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Z is a single bond or a C_1 - C_4 hydrocarbon chain which may contain 0 to 1 double bond or triple bond, unsubstituted or substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_4 alkyl;

A is a six-membered aromatic ring which is selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted arylene or optionally substituted heteroarylene and when Z is a single bond then A is not selected from the group consisting of phenylene and six-membered heteroarylene containing 3 or less than 3 nitrogens;

B is an aromatic ring and is attached to the 3rd or 4th position relative to Z of ring A selected from the group consisting of aryl, and heteroaryl and wherein A and B can not both be phenylene;

wherein A and B are connected via a carbon-carbon bond;

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R₂ is selected from the group consisting of halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heterocycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, cycloalkyl, heteroalkyl, haloalkenyl, haloalkyl, heterocycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocycloalkylalkyl, arylalkyl, heterocycloalkylheteroalkyl, cycloalkylheteroalkyl, heteroarylalkyl, arylalkenyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, heteroarylheteroalkyl, arylheteroalkyl, hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, heterocycloalkyloxy, cycloalkylkoxy, alkenyloxy, alkynyloxy, alkoxyaryl, heteroaryloxy, arylalkyloxy, amino, alkylamino, aminoalkyl, acylamino, arylamino, phenoxy, benzyloxy, COOH, COOR₄, SH, CONHR₄, NHR₄, -(CH₂)_nNHCOR₄, NHCOR₄, $\mathsf{NHCOOR_4\ NHCONHR_4,\ C(=NOH)R_4,\ NHSOR_4\ NHSO_2R_4,\ -(CH_2)_n-NR_6R_{7,}\ alkoxycarbonyl,}$ alkylaminocarbonyl, sulfonyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylsulfinyl, arylsulfonyl, aminosulfonyl, aminosulfinyl, SR4 and acyl; each of which may optionally be substituted, wherein R₂ does not contain the moiety NHCONHCO or NHCONHSO₂;

R₃ is selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heterocycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, cycloalkyl, haloalkenyl, heteroalkyl, haloalkyl, heterocycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocycloalkylalkyl, arylalkyl, heterocycloalkylheteroalkyl, cycloalkylheteroalkyl, arylalkenyl, heteroarylalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, heteroarylheteroalkyl, arylheteroalkyl, hydroxy, heterocycloalkyloxy, aryloxy, cycloalkylkoxy, alkenyloxy, alkynyloxy, alkoxyaryl, heteroaryloxy, arylalkyloxy, amino, alkylamino, aminoalkyl, acylamino, arylamino, phenoxy, benzyloxy, COOH, COOR₄, SH, CONHR₄, NHR₄, -(CH₂)_nNHCOR₄, NHCOR₄, $NHCOOR_4\ NHCONHR_4,\ C(=NOH)R_4,\ NHSOR_4\ NHSO_2R_4,\ -(CH_2)_nNR_6R_{7,}\ alkoxycarbonyl,$ alkylaminocarbonyl, sulfonyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylsulfinyl, arylsulfonyl, aminosulfonyl, aminosulfinyl, SR4 and acyl; each of which may optionally be substituted wherein R₃ does not contain the moiety NHCONHCO or NHCONHSO₂;

X and Y are the same or different and independently selected from H, halo, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, such as CH_3 and CF_3 , NO_2 , OR_4 , SR_4 , $C(O)R_5$, CN, and NR_8 R_9 ;

R₄ is selected from H, C₁-C₄ alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, acyl;

$$R_2$$
 B
 (CH_2)
 (CH_2)
 $(R_3)_p$
Formula (If)

wherein B is a 5-membered heteroarylene, p is an integer from 0 to 3 and X, Y, R_2 and R_3 are the same as in claim 1.

8. A compound according to claim 1 of the Formula (Ig):

wherein q is an integer from 0 to 4 and X, Y, R₂ and R₃ are the same as in claim 1.

9. A compound according to claim 1 of the Formula (Ih):

wherein q is an integer from 0 to 4 and X, Y, R₂ and R₃ are the same as in claim 1.

10. A compound according to claim 1 of the Formula (li):

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